

REMARKS

The undersigned Attorney for the Assignee presents these amendments in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 9, 2004. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 remain pending; while Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 were withdrawn by the response filed April 30, 2004, without prejudice to filing continuation or divisional applications. It is believed that the present claim amendments overcome the rejections under 37 U.S.C. § 1.121 that were stated in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The undersigned Attorney for the Assignee respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended, and further requests allowance of the amended claims. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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